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[X] This communication is responsive to _PAPER FILED 12/22/03_.

[X] The allowed claim(s) is/are _13 – 16_.

[ ] The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

[ ] Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

  [ ] All [ ] Some* [ ] None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

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[ ] Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

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[ ] Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Attachment(s)

[ ] Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

[X] Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _7/22/02_

[ ] Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

[ ] Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

[ ] Interview Summary, PTO-413

[ ] Examiner's Amendment/Comment

[ ] Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

[ ] Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance